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Docket No.: 44084-496

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Kyoko NAKAMURA : Confirmation Number: 5551  
Application No.: 09/879,909 : Group Art Unit: 2612  
Filed: June 14, 2001 : Examiner: Luong Trung Nguyen  
For: IMAGE EXTRACTING APPARATUS AND IMAGE EXTRACTING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction  
Commissioner for Patents  
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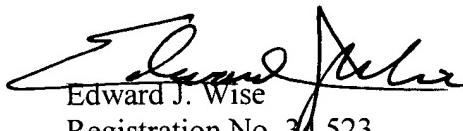
Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 23, 2005 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Species III, Figures 12-14 (claims 1, 2, 6, 9 and 12) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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